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LB 677, 783

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. This motion to return would put the provisions of LB 783 into LB 677. LB 783 was advanced out of Judiciary Committee on an 8 to 0 vote. The bill was introduced by myself at the request of the Governor. And what it would do is to make some technical changes to the way the Board of Pardons currently operates. I have discussed it with Senator Chambers. He does not object to the motion or to the amendment of the bill. The bill would do a couple of things. One, it would change the method under which a request for pardon's review can be made. It would move that the applications would be secured from and returned to the Secretary of the Board of Pardons. The second thing it'd change, the major change is the change in the time frame on when a request of the Board of Pardons has to be acted upon. Under current law, it must be acted upon at the regular...the next regular meeting of the board or within 30 days, whichever is the earlier. This necessitates the board meeting on occasions when it might not have to meet to consider those pardon requests, even if they are repetitive types of requests, so it increases the volume of work that the board must do. The committee added an amendment which does not allow, and this does include the committee amendment, which would prevent the Board of Pardons from refusing to act on a request. It puts time limits on them so the Board of Pardons must act within a two-year period, and that it cannot extend further than that. Bottom line, what the amendment would do is to allow the Board of Pardons a little bit more control over their work volume as far as when those hearings have to be made to eliminate the necessity of repeated meetings of the board for unnecessary purposes. I would urge the adoption, the return to Select File and adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Lindsay explained, we did discuss his attempting to do this. The bill that he is intending to insert into the provisions of LB 677 did have a hearing. It was advanced by the committee and I have no objection to what he is attempting to do.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Lindsay? Closing is waived. We will now vote on the motion to return to Select File. All those in favor please vote